GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF AGRO- PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of agro-products has been increasing each year during the last three years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to reduce the import of agro-products;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): The details of import during the last three years are given below:

Value in Rs. Crores		
2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
20612.71	20879.87	28062.94

However, the State-wise data is not maintained.

(c) to (e): The import of any commodity depends on the domestic demand-supply situation. However, the Government has put in place a suitable mechanism for monitoring the import of sensitive items and endeavours to safeguard the interest of the domestic producers, by resorting to various WTO compatible measures, which include calibration of applied tariffs within bound tariffs, anti-dumping and safeguard action, and imposition of countervailing duties, under certain specified circumstances.